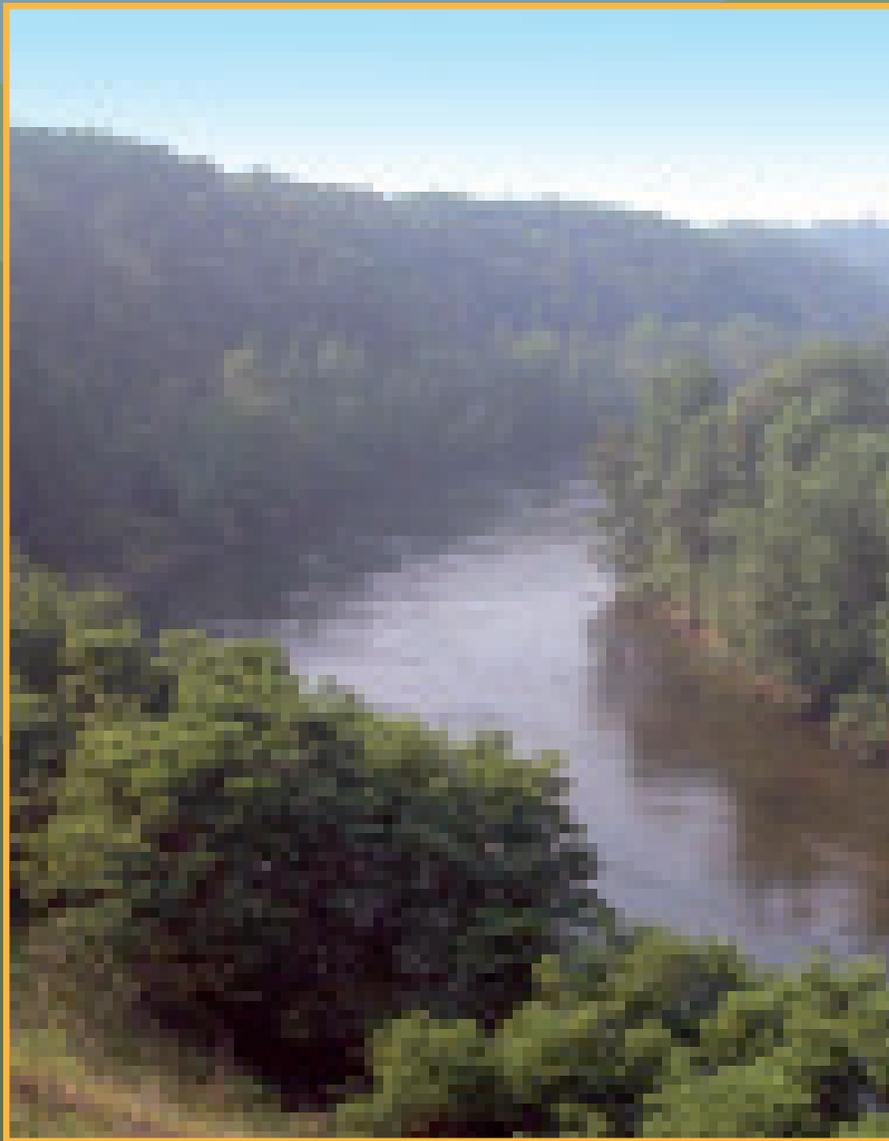


Huron Adventure Planner



United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service

Huron-Manistee
National Forests



Lying between the shores of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, the nearly one-million-acre Huron-Manistee National Forests are located in a transition zone between forested lands to the north and agricultural lands to the south. The Huron-Manistee National Forests contain rare ecological features, such as dry sand prairie remnants, coastal marshlands, dunes, oak savannahs, fens, bogs and marshes.

Whether you are looking to lose yourself in the peacefulness of the forest by straying from the beaten path or if you are looking to stay on the road more traveled we've got something for you. Ranging from the tranquility found in the Hoist Lake, Reid Lakes or Wakeley Lake areas, the quiet of the Au Sable National Scenic River corridor, to the more developed settings found at Lumberman's Monument and the River Road National Scenic Byway, the Forest provides quality recreation to its visitors.



Loon Lake

Take a real life step challenge

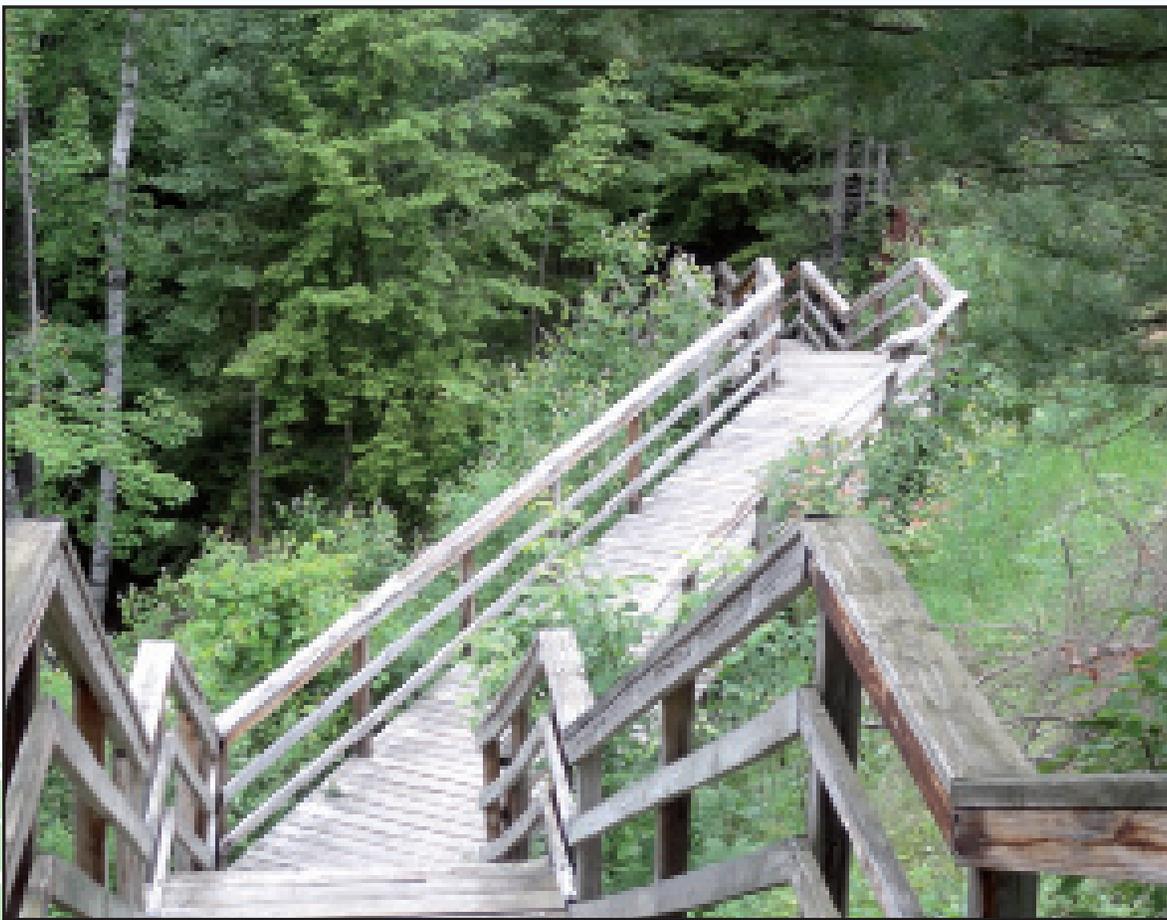
Along the River Road Scenic Byway, there are two spots with wooden staircases that lead down to the edge of the Au Sable River- Iargo Springs and Lumberman's Monument. Take the trip down and see if you can count how many steps there are! Stop by the Lumbermans Monument Visitor Center after your climb to receive a sticker that shows off your accomplishment!

Have a picnic

Bring your lunch or snacks and enjoy them outdoors. There are many places with picnic tables waiting for you on the Forest; or you can bring a blanket and pick a place that is special to you.

Take a swim!

Swimming beaches are located at Island Lake, Loon Lake, Kneff Lake, Mack Lake, Jewell Lake, Round Lake, Sand Lake and Wagner Lake.



Stairs down to wanigan at Lumberman's Monument

Hit the trails

Check out the many trails, bring along a backpack with the things that you will need on the trail like water, snacks and a map. Make a “field guide” of your Forest visit. Draw pictures or take photos of the plants and animals that you see during your visit. You can combine your pictures in a nature journal or make a photo book.

Canoe a stretch of the Au Sable River

Enjoy nature as you spend a few hours or a day on the water. The river is navigable from Grayling to Oscoda.

Learn about a special bird that lives on the Forest

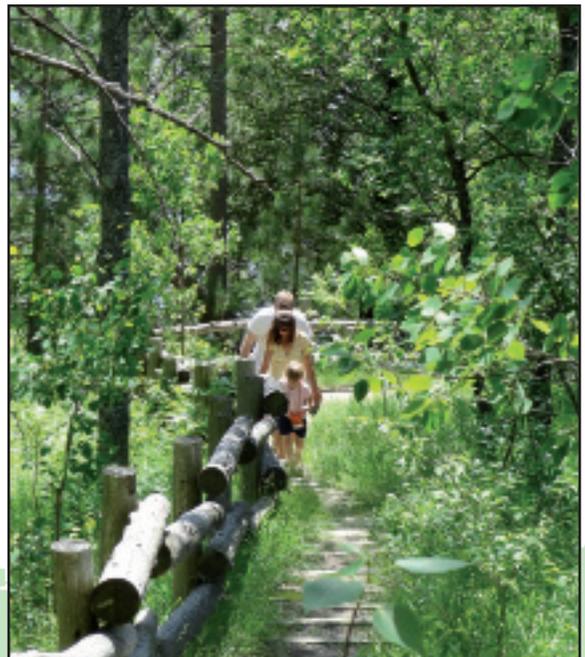
Did you know that the Kirtland’s warbler spends the winter in the Bahamas? Then it flies all the way to northern Michigan each summer to build nests beneath the lower branches of young jack pine. A great way to actually see the bird and learn more about the Kirtland’s warbler is to participate in a Kirtland’s warbler guided auto tour from Grayling or Mio.

Come again during a different time of year

There are fun recreational activities on the forest at any time of year:

- Spring:** Wildflower hikes; fishing; walking and bicycling; wildlife watching.
- Summer:** Hiking, camping, boating, canoeing, fishing, wildlife watching.
- Autumn:** Fall leaf viewing; fishing; hunting; driving for pleasure.
- Winter:** Snow-shoeing; cross-country skiing; snowmobiling; ice fishing.

Each time you visit, you’ll see the change of seasons reflected in the forest. Be sure to dress appropriately for the season and carry the proper safety equipment. At a minimum, you should carry water, a snack, rain gear and a whistle.



Highbank overlook along the Au Sable National Scenic River

Camping along the Au Sable

Camping along the Au Sable is permitted at designated sites only. Campsites between Grayling and Mio are operated by the MDNR. From Mio to 4001 Bridge, there are several canoe-in/walk-in sites and two developed campgrounds. No reservations are necessary. From 4001 Bridge to Oscoda, reservations are required between May 15 and Sept. 30. There is a \$10/night camping fee and a one-time registration fee of \$9. Visit www.recreation.gov and search for Au Sable River camping for information.



Au Sable River Trip Planning

The 119-mile Au Sable River stretches eastward from Grayling flowing into Lake Huron at Oscoda/Au Sable. Six hydro- electric dams on the river create impoundments of lake-like bodies of water. The Au Sable has three unique sections, each managed for a particular recreation experience.

Public land along the first 42 miles from Grayling to Mio is mostly managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

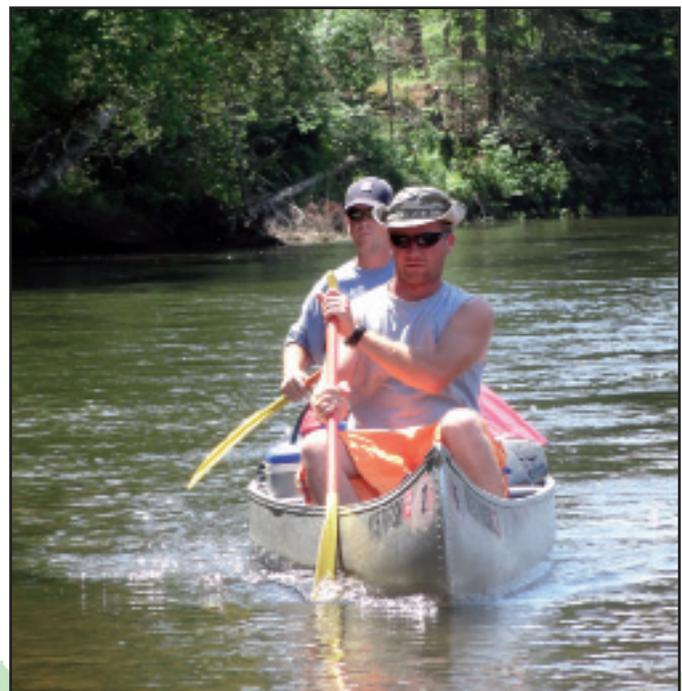
This stretch is unimpeded by dams. Special fishing restrictions apply to different sections of the Au Sable. Consult the MDNR fishing guide.

The next 23 miles from Mio Dam to 4001 Bridge is nationally designated as “Wild and Scenic.” Only canoes, kayaks, rafts and boats up to 20 feet in length with electric motors are allowed on this stretch.

Most of the public land is managed by the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Camping is allowed only at designated sites on a first-come; first-served basis.

Five hydro-electric dams create lake-like impoundments along the final 54 miles of river. Larger boats can navigate the impoundments while the narrow stretches from Alcona Dam to Loud Pond and the lower Au Sable below Foote Dam are perfect for canoes and kayaks.

Most public land along this stretch of the river is also managed by the Huron-Manistee National Forest. Most National Forest river access sites have trailer parking. Fees apply. For more information on river access sites, please call a Forest Service office or visit our website at <http://fs.usda.gov/hmnf/>.



National Scenic Au Sable River

Float Time and Distances

Note: Numbers and coordinates are listed the first time a site appears in the "From" column.

| Site Number | Map Coordinate | From | To | Operated By | Miles | Hours | Total Miles | Total Hours |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Grayling | Stephen Bridge | Grayling/DNR | 9 | 3 | - | - |
| | | Stephen Bridge | South Branch | DNR | 4 | 1.5 | 13 | 5 |
| | | South Branch | McMasters Bridge | DNR | 8 | 3 | 21 | 8 |
| | | McMasters Bridge | Parnalee Bridge | DNR | 9 | 3 | 30 | 11 |
| | | Parnalee Bridge | Camp Ten Bridge | DNR/USFS | 9 | 4 | 39 | 15 |
| | | Camp Ten Bridge | Mio Pond Dam | DNR | 3.5 | 1.5 | 42.5 | 17 |
| | | Mio Pond Dam | Loud's Rest Stop | DNR/USFS | 1 | 0.25 | 43.5 | 17.25 |
| 27 | E3 | Loud's Rest Stop | Comins Flats Boat Ramp | DNR/USFS | 6 | 2 | 49.5 | 19.25 |
| | | Comins Flats Boat Ramp | Davis Rest Stop | USFS | 4 | 1.25 | 53.5 | 20.5 |
| 31 | E3 | Davis Rest Stop | McKinley Landing | USFS | 3.5 | 1 | 57 | 21.5 |
| 33 | F3 | McKinley Landing | 4001 Canoe Landing | USFS | 7.5 | 2.5 | 64.5 | 24 |
| 36 | F4 | 4001 Canoe Landing | Alcona Park/Dam | USFS/Consumers | 4 | 1.5 | 68.5 | 26 |
| | | Alcona Park/Dam | Barnfield Road | Consumers | 1.5 | .75 | 70 | 27 |
| | | Barnfield Road | Bobcat Creek Boat Landing | Consumers/USFS | 2 | .65 | 72 | 27.5 |
| 38 | G5 | Bobcat Creek Boat Landing | Thompson's Canoe Carry Down | USFS | 5 | 1.75 | 77 | 28 |
| 39 | G5 | Thompson's Canoe Carry Down | Rollways Dock | USFS/Rollways Resort | 6 | 2.5 | 83 | 31 |
| | | Rollways Dock | Loud Dam | Rollways Resort/Consumers | 4 | 1 | 87 | 32 |
| | | Loud Dam | Five Channels Dam | Consumers | 3 | 1 | 90 | 33 |
| | | Five Channels Dam | Pine Acres | Consumers/USFS | 0.5 | 0.25 | 90.5 | 33.25 |
| 42 | H6 | Pine Acres | Sawmill Point | USFS | 6.5 | 2 | 97 | 35.25 |
| 44 | H6 | Sawmill Point | Cooke Dam | USFS/Consumers | 1 | 0.25 | 98 | 35.5 |
| | | Cooke Dam | Old Orchard Park | Consumers/Oscoda Township | 7 | 2.5 | 105 | 38 |
| | | Old Orchard Park | Rea Ramp | Oscoda Township/DNR | 3 | 1.5 | 108 | 40 |
| | | Rea Ramp | Whirlpool Boating Site | DNR/USFS | 5 | 1.75 | 113 | 41 |
| 48 | J6 | Whirlpool Boating Site | Lake Huron | USFS/DNR | 6 | 2.5 | 119 | 44 |

River Road National Scenic Byway

The 22-mile River Road Scenic Byway extends westward from Lake Huron into the Huron National Forest. It parallels the historic Riviere aux Sable (River of Sand). The Au Sable River was a major transportation route for floating Michigan's giant white pine to the sawmills on Lake Huron. Byway travelers will find camping, fishing and boating facilities are accessible from the byway as well as trails for hiking in summer and cross-country skiing in winter.

For a more relaxed experience, visitors will enjoy the lush forest and breathtaking vistas from the many scenic overlooks along the route. Many of the scenic overlooks are fully accessible, with paved parking areas and sidewalks.

Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center

Lumbermans Monument Visitor Center sits at the center of the River Road Scenic Byway. The 14-foot Monument stands on a high bank with the Au Sable River providing a scenic backdrop. Learn about the industry that helped develop northern Michigan and the lumber men who cut the timber that helped build a nation. Climb through a log jam, use a peavey, and cut a wooden cookie with a cross-cut saw. Learn about the life of a lumberjack through video and displays. Hike the stairway down to the wanigan, a loggers floating kitchen, or take the short trail to the observation deck. Enjoy a Kid's Day program or take a guided nature hike. Program schedules are available on the Forest website.

Forest Service staff is available to answer questions and help plan your trip. For more information about Lumbermans Monument visit the forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/hmnf> or call the visitor center: (989) 362-8961. The Visitor Center is open seasonally from May to October.



Iargo Springs



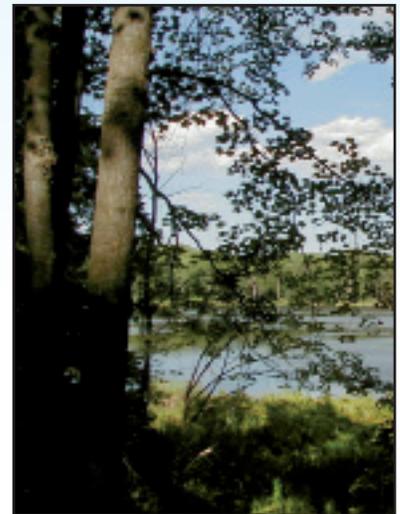
Lumberman's Monument

Special places: Hoist Lake and Reid Lake

Hoist Lake foot travel area encompasses almost 10,000 acres of pine, aspen and hardwood forest. There are 19 miles of trail. Hiking and skiing are permitted; however, there are no groomed trails. Cross country skiing ranges from moderate to more difficult/most difficult due to length of trails. Hiking ranges from moderate to more difficult/most difficult. Hunting and fishing are permitted in season.

Reid Lake Area is a little over 3,000 acres in size. The forest in the area is primarily hardwoods and creates a small, remote lake environment. Twelve miles of gently rolling trail will lead you around Reid Lake. The trails are open for back-country skiing in the winter and are not groomed. Difficulty on the trails ranges from easy to more difficult.

Wakeley Lake offers four seasons of non-motorized trail and recreation opportunities. More than eight miles of trails lead through a variety of habitats from conifer swamps to upland jack pine, white pine and oak. Look for evidence of beaver, bald eagles and loons, but please respect posted closure orders. Catch-and-release fishing is permitted from June 15 to August 31. Four walk-in campsites are available near the lake.



Reid Lake

Midland to Mackinac Trail

The Midland to Mackinaw Trail is an ancient Native American footpath that has been restored by members of the Boy Scouts' Lake Huron Area Council No. 265 and other volunteers. Camping along the trail is allowed on National Forest lands without a permit; however, there are no developed campgrounds near the trail. Dispersed camping regulations apply. The trail is marked with blue paint.



Wakeley Lake

Shore - to - Shore Trail

The 220-mile Shore-to-Shore Trail connects the towns of Empire, on Lake Michigan, with the Lake Huron communities of Oscoda and Au Sable. The trail runs through 112 miles of the Huron National Forest. The trail is marked with blue triangles with a white boot print and horseshoe symbol. Square posts with blue tops will be at road crossings and turns in the trail, with a routed boot print and horseshoe symbol with a directional arrow. The National Forest campgrounds for the trail are listed below. You must bring a +5,000-watt generator to operate the water pumps at trail camps.

| Site Number | Map Coordinate | | RV /Trailer Camping | Group Camping | Fee | Restroom | Picnic Area | Pump | Latitude | Longitude |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----|----------|-------------|------|-----------|------------|
| 6 | C4 | Luzerne Horse Trail Camp | ✓ | 1 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.586171 | -84.288841 |
| 32 | E4 | McKinley Horse Trail Camp | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.640110 | -83.972883 |
| 59 | H6 | River Road Trail Camp | ✓ | 1 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.442896 | -83.539117 |
| 40 | G5 | South Branch Trail Camp | ✓ | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | 44.485095 | -83.795149 |



Shore-to-Shore Trail

Camping Information

The Huron-Manistee National Forests offer many types of camping sites and opportunities. They range from the highly developed sites at Monument Campground to rustic campsites such as the Au Sable River Primitive Campsite that can only be reached by canoe; or dispersed camping where you rough-it in the middle of the woods.

Campground Regulations

Here are some general guidelines to consider as you plan to camp on the Huron National Forest:

- No RV hook-ups are available at Forest Service campgrounds.
- You cannot camp for longer than 14 consecutive days at one site.
- Use of sites is limited to: eight (8) people in a single unit.
- Campers may have: up to two (2) vehicles and one (1) camper, trailer or motor home (RV) or two (2) tents.
- Camping equipment left unattended for 24 hours or more will be removed.
- In a developed campground, camping outside of designated campsites is prohibited.
- Construction of makeshift furniture is prohibited.
- All campgrounds listed in this newspaper have restrooms.
- Only disability assistance animals are permitted in designated swimming areas. No pets are permitted in swimming areas.

Dispersed Camping

- Camping outside designated campgrounds is allowed on National Forest land, unless otherwise posted. No permit is needed.
- Your campsite must be located at least 200 feet from water and at least 150 feet from roads and trails.
- Dispersed camping is allowed for a period not to exceed 16 days at one location on National Forest lands within any 30-day period.
- Rules for camping along the Au Sable River are on page 6.



Gabions Campground

Reserving Campsites

Camping at most developed campgrounds on the Huron-Manistee National Forests is on a first-come; first-served basis. However, some Forest Service campgrounds accept reservations through a national reservation service available by phone or online. Sites are searchable by name, state and by map. Au Sable River Primitive Camping and South Branch Group Camp require reservations that may be made through www.recreation.gov

Call Toll Free 1-877-444-6777
International 518-885-3639
TDD 1-877-833-6777

Firewood

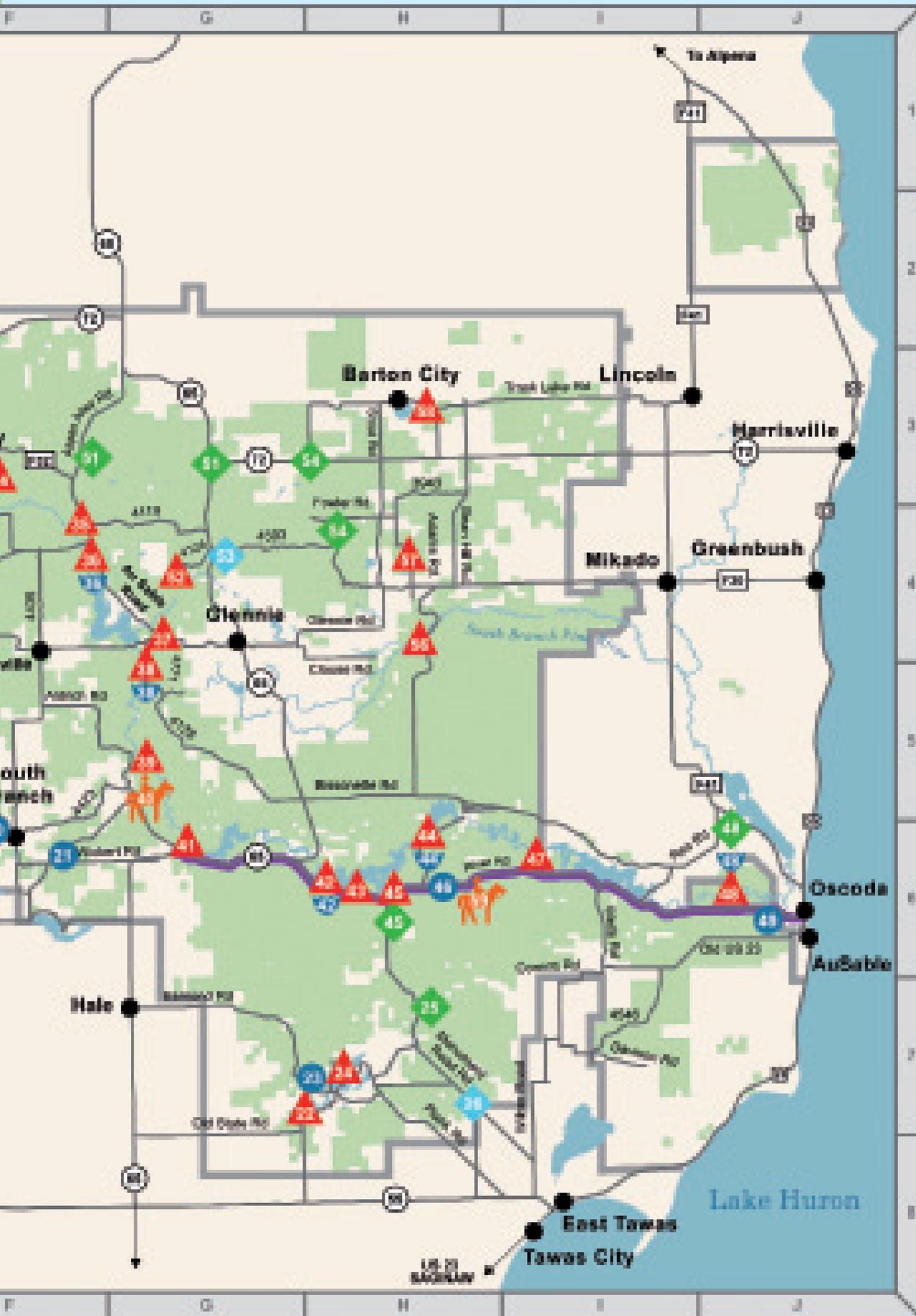
- Please use local firewood when you camp on the National Forest.
- Hauling firewood increases the chances of spreading invasive species.
- You may gather firewood for use at your campsite on the National Forest without a permit.
- You may only gather or cut dead and down trees. You may not cut any live tree at any time.
- If you plan to gather firewood to take away from the National Forest, you must get a permit from a Forest Service district office.

Campgrounds and Day Use

| Ranger Station | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 27 | D3 | Mio Ranger District Office | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | J6 | Huron Shores Ranger Station | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Site Number | Map Coordinate | Site Name | Fee Area | Drinking Water | Restrooms | Picnic Area | Scenic View/Overlook | Companes | RV Camping | Group Camping | Campground Host | Swimming | Fishing | Boat Access | Canoe/Kayak Access | Latitude | Longitude |
| 1 | A3 | Kneff Lake Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.638488 | -84.572071 |
| 2 | A4 | Wakeley Lake | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | 44.627315 | -84.512476 |
| 7 | C5 | Meadows ORV Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | 44.560817 | -84.312315 |
| 8 | D5 | Island Lake Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | 44.510199 | -84.141461 |
| 9 | D5 | Loon Lake Day Use Area | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.513719 | -84.135218 |
| 12 | D4 | Wagner Lake Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.554126 | -84.147346 |
| 15 | E4 | Mack Lake ORV Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.578778 | -84.064904 |
| 22 | G7 | Sand Lake Beach Day Use Area | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.322703 | -83.690233 |
| 24 | H7 | Round Lake Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.343342 | -83.661825 |
| 27 | D3 | Meadow Springs Campground | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | -84.073262 | 44.656748 |
| 27 | D3 | Au Sable Loop Campground | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | 44.651347 | -84.099365 |
| 27 | E3 | Louds Rest Stop Day Use Area | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | -84.1053 | 44.661931 |
| 28 | E3 | River Dune Campground | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | -84.097208 | 44.649439 |
| 30 | E3 | Cathedral Pines Campground | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | -84.004366 | 44.654993 |
| 31 | E3 | Davis Rest Stop Day Use Area | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | -83.992207 | 44.631138 |
| 33 | F3 | McKinley River Access | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | 44.642296 | -83.941142 |
| 34 | F3 | Buttercup Campground | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | -83.913029 | 44.640833 |
| 34 | F3 | Bear Island Campground | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | -83.892667 | 44.633032 |
| 34 | F3 | O'Brian Lake Day Use Area | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | 44.642644 | -83.882612 |
| 35 | F4 | Au Sable River Highbanks Overlook | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | -83.839156 | 44.619185 |
| 35 | F4 | Gabions Campground and Day Use | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | 44.620111 | -83.845948 |
| 36 | F4 | 4001 Canoe Landing | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.611778 | -83.837699 |
| 37 | G4 | Au Sable Vista | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | 44.562895 | -83.782269 |
| 38 | G5 | Bobcat Creek River Site | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | -83.792193 | 44.545695 |
| 39 | G5 | Thompson River Access | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | 44.503365 | -83.800035 |
| 41 | G6 | Rollways Campground | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | 44.461415 | -83.773345 |
| 41 | G6 | Westgate Scenic Overlook | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | 44.456107 | -83.767145 |
| 41 | G6 | Rollways Day Use Area | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | 44.257738 | -83.771588 |
| 42 | H6 | Pines Acres River Access | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.453487 | -83.673673 |
| 43 | H6 | Large Springs Interpretive Site | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | 44.441327 | -83.675873 |
| 43 | H6 | Canoe's Memorial | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | 44.435824 | -83.651816 |
| 44 | H6 | Sawmill Point River Access | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.458458 | -83.609137 |
| 45 | H6 | Monument Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | 44.43425 | -83.619952 |
| 45 | H6 | Lumberman's Monument | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | 44.433092 | -83.623982 |
| 45 | H6 | Kiwanis Monument | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | 44.426701 | -83.623395 |
| 47 | I6 | Foots Point Overlook | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | 44.45131 | -83.516239 |
| 48 | J6 | Whirlpool River Access | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | 44.431755 | -83.390776 |
| 52 | G4 | Horseshoe Lake Camp and Day Use | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 44.600695 | -83.765411 |
| 56 | H4 | Pine River Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | 44.563327 | -83.599359 |
| 57 | H4 | Sprinkler Lake Access | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | -83.60506 | 44.601719 |
| 58 | H3 | Jewell Lake Campground | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | 44.677492 | -83.597111 |

Locator Map





How to use this map

The numbers on the map correspond to sites listed in the tables throughout the planner. Trailheads are listed on the Motorized and Nonmotorized Trail charts, pages 17 and 19, and trailcamps for the Shore-to-Shore trail, page 10. Campgrounds and Day Use Areas are listed on page 13. If choosing a site from the list, the map coordinates provided correspond to the numbers and letters bordering the map to assist you in finding a site location on the forest. GPS coordinates have been provided on the tables where available.

Motorized Trails

The Huron National Forest offers a diverse motorized trail system for all four seasons. The Meadows Trail System offers almost 70 miles of trail and can be accessed from several trailheads including M-72, Luzerne and the Meadows Campground. This system is primarily sandy and open with some densely forested sections.

A 33-mile section of the Michigan Cross Country Cycle Trail (MCCCT) crosses the Forest from the Parmalee Bridge area in the north to the Hughes Lake area in the south. The MCCCT is narrow and open to motorcycles only. Limited sections of the MCCCT are shared or parallel with the Meadows ORV Trail System.

The Mack Lake Trail System encompasses almost 100 miles of trail and a wide variety of trail types with open, straight sections as well as tight, hilly stretches. The system lies east of M-33, and there are several trailhead locations available to access the system, including a paved parking area on M-33 and access from the Mack Lake Campground. There is also a connector from the Mack Lake system to the Meadows system.

An outstanding feature of the Mack Lake system is the Bull Gap Hill Climb area which offers a scramble challenge for experienced riders. Please note that Bull Gap Hill Climb is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and that alcohol is prohibited.

Refer to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for information on where to drive and where to ride.

Call or visit a Forest Service office if you have questions. It's best to know before you go.

Roads and Trails for Motorized Vehicles

You will find many places to drive and ride a wide range of motorized vehicles on the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

The National Forests offer roads that are open to all highway legal vehicles, as well as trails for off-road vehicles (ORVs), motorcycles and snowmobiles.

To operate on the National Forest, all vehicles must be registered and licensed as required by the State of Michigan. ORVs and snowmobiles must be licensed by the MDNR.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov

On all National Forests, motor vehicles can be used only on roads, trails or areas that are designated as open for that type of vehicle. Cross-country travel with any type of motorized vehicle is prohibited on the National Forests, except at the Bull Gap Hill Climb on the Mio Ranger District.

To help you determine where you can legally ride or drive your vehicle, the Forest Service has developed the MVUM. The MVUM displays National Forest System roads, trails or areas designated open to motorized travel, as well as allowed uses by vehicle class (ex. highway-legal vehicles, vehicles less than 50 inches wide and motorcycles), and seasonal allowances. Routes not shown on the MVUM are not open to public motor vehicle travel. Routes designated for motorized use may not always be signed on the ground but will be identified on the MVUM. It is your

responsibility to use the MVUM to stay on designated roads, trails and areas open to motor vehicle use.

The MVUM is free to the public and available at each local Ranger District office and at the Supervisor's Office and the forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/hmnf>.

| Site Number | Map Coordinate | Trail | Length in Miles | HWY Licensed | Snowmobile |
|-------------|----------------|--|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Be responsible when and where you ride. Know where you can ride, know when you can ride. | | | |
| | | Mack Lake Motorized Trail System (93.7 Miles) | | | |
| 15 | E4 | Mack Lake ORV Trailhead | | | |
| 10 | D5 | Hughes Lake Rd Snow/ORV Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 11 | D5 | M-33 ORV Trailhead | | | |
| 33 | F3 | McKinley Snow/ORV Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 18 | F5 | Maltby Hills Trailhead | | | |
| 20 | F6 | South Branch Snow/ORV Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 16 | E3 | Bull Gap East ORV Trailhead | | | |
| 19 | E6 | Lupton ORV Trailhead | | | |
| 16 | E3 | Bull Gap Hill Climb <i>(Open to all vehicles)</i> | (.5) | ✓ | |
| | | Meadows ORV Trail System/ MCCCT (64.9 Miles) | | | |
| 5 | C4 | Luzerne Snow/ORV Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 7 | C5 | Meadows ORV Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 3 | B4 | M-72 West ORV Trailhead | | | |
| 4 | C3 | Parmalee Bridge ORV/Snow Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| | | Huron ORV Trail Complex (45.5 Miles) | | | |
| 23 | G7 | Sand Lake ORV/Snow Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 21 | F6 | Liberty Road ORV/Snow Trailhead | | | ✓ |
| 46 | H6 | River Road ORV Trailhead | | | |
| 49 | J6 | Grass Lake ORV/Snow Trailhead | | | ✓ |



Motorized Trails Regulations

Motorized vehicles may only be operated on roads, trails or areas designated open to that use. To find what roads and trails are open to a vehicle type, visitors should obtain a Motor Vehicle Use Map.

- Any road or trail that does not appear on the MVUM is not open to motorized vehicles.
- Some counties in Northern Michigan have authorized the use of ORVs on county and township roads. This does not apply to state or federal roads and highways. Forest Service roads are federal roads.
- ORVs cannot be used for cross-country game retrieval.

For a full list of regulations consult the MDNR ORV Handbook or consult their website at www.michigan.gov/dnr

Snowmobile Trails

The Huron offers more than 300 miles of snowmobile trails. Snowmobiles may only be operated on roads, trails or areas designated open to that use. To find what roads and trails are open to snowmobiles, contact a Forest Service Office.

- Snowmobiles must have a Michigan snowmobile sticker to operate on the National Forest.



Corsair Hike and Ski Trails

For a full list of snowmobile regulations consult the MDNR Snowmobile Handbook or consult their website at www.michigan.gov/dnr

| Site Number | Map Coordinate | Trail | Length in Miles |
|---|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Alcona Snowmobile Trail System | | | 126.4 |
| 53 | G4 | Ann Arbor | |
| Oscoda Trail System | | | 76 |
| 13 | D3 | M-72/Fairview | |
| 50 | E2 | M-72/Mio | |
| Iosco County Snowmobile Trail System | | | 102.5 |
| 26 | H7 | Monument Road | |

Cross-Country Ski Trails

With almost 50 miles of cross-country skiing visitors are sure to find a challenge on groomed trail systems located at Corsair or Eagle Run or on un-groomed trails located at Reid Lake, Wolf Creek, and Wakeley Lake. For the more adventurous, off-trail skiing and snowshoeing is allowed. For trail maps, contact a Forest Service office.

Nonmotorized Trails

Trails along rivers, trails to lakes and even nature trails, the Huron has it all. Signed interpretive trails are available for a quick walk in the woods, while longer excursions are available for hiking, skiing and horseback riding. Looking for a walk near water, visit the Highbanks Trail. Aiming for an overnight backpacking experience? Hike in the Hoist, Reid or Wakely Lakes areas.

Horseback riding is available on the Shore-to-Shore Trail, which has access to several horse-friendly campgrounds along the route.

Nonmotorized Trail Information

| Site Number | Map Coordinate | | Length in Miles | Day Hiking | Backpacking | Mountain Biking | Horseback Riding | Cross-Country Skiing | Snowshoeing | Day Use Fee | Drinking Water | Restroom | Picnic Area(s) | Camping |
|--|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------------|---------|
| Nature Trails | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | H6 | Forest Discovery Trail | .6 | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 8 | D5 | Island Lake Nature Trail | 1.25 | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 17 | F4 | Ruffed Grouse Walk | .6 | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| General Developed Recreational Areas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | H7 | Corsair Trail | 28.3 | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 48 | J6 | Eagle Run Trail | 6.8 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | H6 | Highbanks Trail | 7 | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 14 | D4 | Loud Trail | 7.6 | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| | B3 | Midland to Mackinaw Trail | 14 | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| | | Shore to Shore Trail | 112 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Semi-Primitive Nonmotorized Area Hiking | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | G3 | Hoist Lake Trail | 19.6 | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 2 | A4 | Wakeley Lake Nature Trail | 8.6 | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 54 | H3 | Reid Lake Trail | 12.6 | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |

Picnic Areas and Beaches

Several picnic areas and beach sites on the Forest provide visitors the opportunity to spend a day on the forest. Nature hikes and interpretive trails are also available at several day use sites. Most day use sites are located on River Road National Scenic Byway and along the Au Sable River. Many of the scenic overlooks are fully accessible, with paved parking areas and sidewalks.



Kneff Lake

Hunting and Fishing

The Huron-Manistee National Forests are famous for outstanding fishing. The Au Sable River is a prime cold-water fish habitat, with salmon, walleye, trout and steelhead runs the most popular time with anglers. The lakes range from warm to cold with a variety of fish plentiful in fall and spring. Panfish such as sunfish, perch and crappie are the most sought-after fish on the forest, and trout fishing is popular in many forest rivers and streams. Bass fishing on the many lakes is also popular. The forest adheres to State licensing regulations, including size and quantity limits.

MDNR's hunting regulations apply on all National Forest lands; however, there are additional restrictions that you should know when you plan a hunting trip to the Huron-Manistee. For example, you may not build a permanent hunting blind on the National Forest. No bait piles are permitted on federal lands. You may not drive an ORV cross-country to retrieve game. Check the MDNR's hunting regulations for rules about hunting on public lands. The MDNR website will also provide information about special fishing restrictions that may apply as well, such as catch and release periods and "do not consume" warnings.

Many hunters return to the Huron-Manistee each spring and autumn to hunt wild turkey and white-tailed deer. The woods and lakes also offer hunting opportunities for species such as grouse and woodcock.

Active forest management for timber and wildlife create a diversity of habitat types. All State of Michigan regulations on fishing, hunting and trapping apply on National Forest lands. Check their website, www.michigan.gov/dnr, or annual guidebooks for licensing and restrictions.

Watchable Wildlife

The ultimate wildlife viewing experience is watching animals in their habitat. On the Huron National Forest, you might see white-tailed deer, wild turkey, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, and many other species.

Here are some helpful tips to become a wildlife friendly viewer:

- **Use the right tools** - A field guide, a pair of binoculars and a camera.
- **Dress for Success** - Wear clothing that is appropriate for the season and activity.
- **Watch at dawn and dusk** - This is the time when most wildlife species are active enough to view.
- **Keep your distance** - Maintain a distance that is comfortable for the wildlife.
- **Stay quiet** - Move slowly and quietly to increase your chances of viewing wildlife, and to avoid stressing the animals you wish to watch.
- **Do not feed wildlife** - There is plenty of food available in the wild. Feeding wildlife can alter their feeding habits and decrease their fear of humans.

Clark's Marsh is a collection of still woodland ponds and old growth forest. Its flat grassy trails make it a perfect place for visitors to view rare native wild flowers and many species of wild birds. This 65-acre wetland lies within 5 miles of the Lake Huron shoreline and provides a key stopover for migrating waterfowl. Species visitors may see include Blandings turtles, osprey, sandhill cranes, Trumpeter swans and bald eagles. This site is located on the map at Wurtsmith Air Force Base off F-41; H1 on the map.



Indigo bunting

Tuttle Marsh Wildlife Area is a 5,000-acre wetland that supports many species of waterfowl, songbirds, insects and small mammals. Reptiles, insects and migratory birds converge on these wetlands to use them as nurseries and habitat. Interpretive signs interspersed throughout the wetland provide visitors with information on the wetland, wildlife living there and steps taken to ensure the wetland continues to thrive. This site is located on the map at H7.



Tuttle Marsh Wildlife Area

Kirtland's Warbler

Michigan is home to one of the rarest birds on the planet, the Kirtland's warbler. Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*), a federally listed endangered species, was first discovered in 1851.

More than a half century after the Kirtland's warbler was first described, its nesting range was discovered. A specimen was collected in 1903 near the Au Sable River in western Oscoda County, Michigan. Singing males have been found since in other parts of the Great Lakes Region, including Ontario and Wisconsin.

Modern wildfire suppression has reduced much of the natural disturbance that sustained Kirtland's warbler habitat for thousands of years. Without wildfire, land management agencies must take an active role in conserving and enhancing jack pine ecosystems through active habitat management.

The Kirtland's warbler census in 1971 showed an alarming 60 percent decline in the population of nesting warblers. Efforts to aid the Kirtland's warbler were helped when the Endangered Species Act became federal law. In 1973, the Kirtland's warbler was declared "Endangered," and a Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team was established with a goal to "reestablish a self-sustaining wild Kirtland's warbler population throughout its known former range at a minimum level of 1,000 pairs."

Today, through interagency cooperation between the Forest Service, MDNR, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, this goal has been met and exceeded. The 2012 annual Kirtland's warbler census found 873 singing males on the Huron National Forest, 2,063 in the state of Michigan, and a total of 2,090 throughout the upper Great Lakes region, including Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada.



Kirtland's warbler



Two ways to see a Kirtland's warbler

The *Jack Pine Wildlife Viewing Tour* is a self-guided auto tour through the Jack Pine Ecosystem, including areas managed for Kirtland's warbler habitat.

Interpretive signs along the route discuss management methods for maintaining the necessary habitat for the Kirtland's Warbler and other species of wildlife found in this area. Stops include a former clear-cut, prescribed burn area, snags, a short nature walk, ecosystem management and views of the National Scenic Au Sable River. Maps for the tour are available on-line or at the Mio and Huron Shores Ranger Stations.

Occupied Kirtland's warbler breeding habitat is closed to the public during nesting season, however *guided tours* are available to the public each year.

- **Tour Dates:** May 15 to June 20
- **Fee:** \$10.00/adult, participants under 18 are free.
- **Times:** Monday thru Sunday; 7 a.m.
- **Length of Tour:** 3 hours
- **Leave From:** Mio Ranger Station
- **General Information:** Participants will drive their own vehicles to a field location. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope. Cameras are allowed. Tape recorders, pets and smoking are not allowed. Biting black flies are abundant in the nesting areas.
- **Reservations:** No reservations are required, but it is recommended that groups of four or more contact the Mio Ranger Station in advance to ensure that adequate staff will be present.



Jack Pine wildlife viewing tour

Family Fun

Fun facts about Smokey Bear

Kind of Bear: Smokey is a black bear. American black bears live in the United States along with brown, grizzly and polar bears.

Current Weight: Over 300 pounds. Smokey has black bear relatives who weigh as much as 800 pounds, and some of his grizzly bear cousins weigh almost a ton!

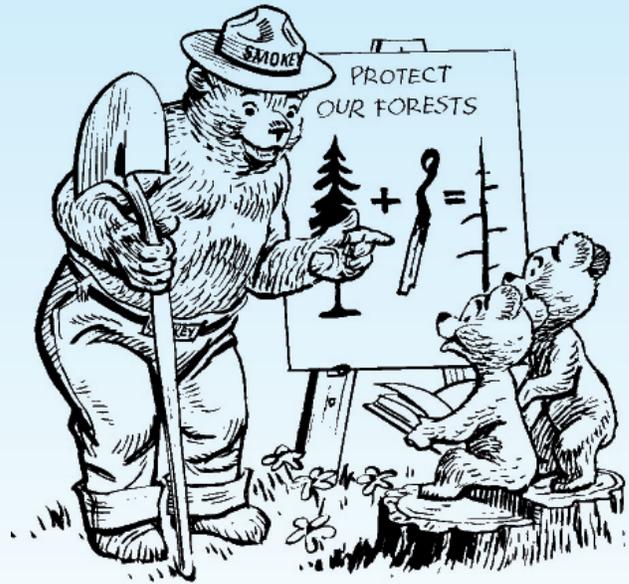
Weight at birth: About 1-1/2 pounds. In other words, he weighed about as much as a big loaf of bread. **Favorite clothes:** His personalized ranger hat, blue jeans and belt. Smokey can frequently be seen standing upright, shovel in hand.

Favorite foods: Forest takeout - ants, insects, salmon or trout, bark, plants, roots and berries. And honey too, of course!

Smokey's Zipcode: Smokey Bear is so popular that he has his own Zipcode: 20252.

Favorite winter activity: Wildfire prevention keeps Smokey busy yearround. But his relatives go into a heavy sleep sometimes called hibernation. They will awake if the weather is warm or they are disturbed. Bears eat a year's worth of food in 6-8 months so they have a layer of fat which keeps them fed during this winter sleep.

What Smokey needs: Your help! Smokey and his forest pals need healthy forests. If they're destroyed by wildfire, Smokey and his pals will be without a home. So help Smokey Bear by remembering his **Favorite saying:** "Only you can prevent wildfires."



Outdoor safety quiz

- 1) If you get lost you should:
 - a) run and scream
 - b) stay where you are and wait for help
 - c) walk in circles hoping to find your way out

- 2) If you or someone you are with gets injured you should:
 - a) leave them and go get help
 - b) provide 1st Aide and stay with them until help arrives
 - c) provide 1st Aide and go get help

- 3) If you leave your campfire you should:
 - a) add more wood first
 - b) make sure it is cold to the touch first
 - c) pour water on it until it is only steaming



Panning for Gold and Metal Detecting

Gold Panning. Recreational gold panning is allowed on most National System lands, if it is done by hand and does not involve undercutting stream banks. No permit is required for casual gold panning. The use of sluices and portable dredges is not considered casual and requires a permit.

Metal Detecting. Forest Service policy allows the use of metal detectors; however, there are limitations. Legal activities involving the use of a metal detector might include using the device on a beach or in a recreation area to collect contemporary coins, jewelry, and other metal objects less than 50 years old.

The following metal detecting activities require a Special Use Permit.

- 1) using metal detectors for mineral prospects,
- 2) archeological survey.

Contact a Forest Service office before proceeding.

Rock-Hounding/Fossil Collecting. In most areas “rock hounding” does not require special permission or fee payment when done as recreation. Contact a Forest Service office to make certain no permission or fee is necessary in the area you wish to “rock hound.”

Target Shooting

Target practice with a rifle, handgun or bow and arrow is permitted provided you abide by all state and federal regulations. All trash must be packed out, including shell casings and targets. Glass targets and target shooting with a rifle, handgun or shotgun 5 days prior to Michigan deer rifle season are prohibited.

Geocaching

Those who enjoy orienteering or solving mysteries may enjoy the adventure sport of geocaching. Individuals have set up caches all over the world and post the cache coordinates on the internet. Using the coordinates, people use a global positioning system (GPS) device and trek by vehicle and on foot to find the caches. A cache may be a marked container including a logbook, or a specific spot such as a historic or scenic location that is reported once found. The fun is in the discovery and having minimal impact in the hunt. Minimal impact in finding or placing a cache avoids disturbing the ground or surroundings.

Passes and Permits

The Huron-Manistee National Forests offers many camping and day-use opportunities. The forests' personnel strive to provide quality recreation facilities for the comfort of visitors. To help address this issue, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) was passed. The Act permits federal land management agencies to charge fees at campgrounds and at day-use sites that have certain facilities.



The recreation fees help pay for the facilities and services that you will be using. Some amenities the fees help to provide are toilets, picnic tables, site cleaning, security, parking areas, swimming areas, special tours and interpretive signing.

You can deposit the fee at each site or you can choose to purchase from a variety of recreation passes. The two main types are The America the Beautiful Interagency Passes or the Huron-Manistee National Forests Recreation Passes.

Interagency and Forest Recreation Passes

Which Pass Do I Need? To make the best choice on which pass to purchase, you should think about your recreation plans for the next year. You have options such as buying a single-day pass, a multi-day pass or even an annual pass that covers the Huron-Manistee National Forests. If you plan to recreate in many different recreation sites across the nation, an Interagency Annual Pass may be your best value. You may also qualify for one of the Interagency Lifetime Passes (Interagency Senior Pass or Interagency Access Pass).

When do I need a pass?

The Huron-Manistee National Forests requires passes at certain developed recreation sites. You can find a complete list on our website. You will also know that you are at a site that requires a fee when you see this sign:



Available Passes

| Interagency passes | Cost | HMNF Passes | Cost |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Annual Pass | \$80 | Annual Pass | \$30 |
| Senior Pass | \$10 | One Week Pass | \$15 |
| Access Pass | Free | One Day Pass | \$5 |
| Volunteer Pass | 250 Hrs. | * Household Pass | 250 Hrs. |

* Household passes may only be purchased at a Forest Service Office.

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Lumbermen's Monument
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Additional brochures are available at Forest Service Offices and the Visitors Center for: Au Sable National Scenic River, Primitive Camping along the Au Sable River, River Road National Scenic Byway and the Kirtland's warbler.